

Appl. No. 10/711,795
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a printed circuit board, classified in class 174, subclass 255.
- 5 II. Claims 8-13, drawn to a method of manufacturing a printed circuit board, classified in class 29, subclass 830+.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

10 Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the process as claimed can be made by another and materially different process MPEP § 806.05(f).

15 Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

20 Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

25 Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of the claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

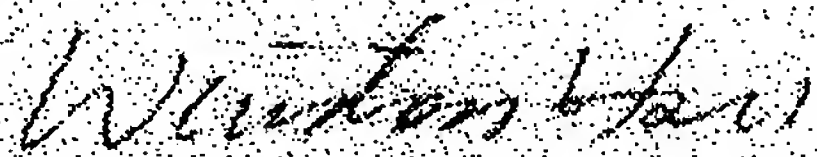
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Response:

The Applicant has consequently amended the claims in the above Amendments to the Claims section to elect the claims in Group I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a printed circuit board, are elected as the subject matter to be examined in the instant application. Claims 8-13 are non-elected and therefore cancelled. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to correct informalities.

Sincerely yours,

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